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SUBJECT: KHMER IN 29TH GA: SWEDEN

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1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF A, I CALLED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR (UEDA) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF FURTHER APPROACH TO GOS RE SWEDISH DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON KHMER REPRESENTATION. HE INFORMED ME THAT BY COINCIDENCE HE WOULD BE LUNCHING TODAY (OCTOBER 21) WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF MFA OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS EDESLTAM. WE AGREED THAT BEFORE MAKING DECISION RE NEW APPROACH, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DISCUSS KHMER ISSUE WITH EDELSTAM TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY "GIVE" IN SWEDISH POSITION.

2. THIS AFTERNOON UEDA CALLED ME TO SAY THAT DURING LUNCHEON HE HAD INTRODUCED SUBJECT BY ALLUDING TO PRESS REPORT THAT PRO-GRUNK FORCES IN SWEDEN HAD MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
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ANDERSSON TO PRESS FOR GOS SUPPORT OF UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

EDELSTAM REPLIED THAT ANDERSSON HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOS WOULD NOT VOTE FOR EITHER RESOLUTION BUT WOULD ABSTAIN. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION REGARDING POSITION OF OTHER NORDICS ON KHMER REPRESENTATION, EDESLTAM SAID THAT GOS DID NOT KNOW HOW OTHER NORDICS WOULD VOTE. WHEN UEDA INQUIRED IF THERE WOULD BE A COMMON NORDIC POSITION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION, EDELSTAM SAID THAT HE VERY MUCH DOUBTED IT, NOTING THAT WEEK AGO NORDICS HAD SPLIT ON UNGA VOTE ON APPEARANCE OF PLO REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE PLENARY SESSION, WITH DENMARK ABSTAINING AND OTHER NORDICS VOTING IN FAVOR. EDELSTAM ADDED THAT WHILE NORDIC NATIONS CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER ON UN QUESTIONS, EACH NORDIC STATE VOTES AS IT SEES FIT.

3. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SAID HE FELT THAT EVERYTHING HAD BEEN DONE THAT COULD BE DONE TO PERSUADE GOS TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND HAD SO INFORMED HIS UN MISSION. WE BOTH AGREED THAT ANY FURTHER APPROACHES TO GOS ON THIS ISSUE WOULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS HEAVY-HANDED PRESSURE AND THEREFORE INAPPROPRIATE.

4. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO REFERENCE IN REF (A) RE SWEDISH INFLUENCE ON POSITIONS OF NORWAY AND ICELAND, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT, WHILE NORDIC COOPERATION IS VALUABLE FOR SWEDEN AS WELL AS OTHER NORDIC NATIONS, IN FINAL ANALYSIS EACH NORDIC COUNTRY NO DOUBT MAKES ITS DECISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. ASSERTIONS TO US BY A NORDIC STATE THAT A GIVEN VOTE OR ACTION IS THE RESULT OF "PRESSURE" FROM ANOTHER NORDIC (USUALLY SWEDEN) MAY WELL REPRESENT SELF-SERVING PLOY ON PART OF COUNTRY CONCERNED TO SOFTEN IMPACT OF DECISION UNFAVORABLE TO OUR INTERESTS. IN THE CASE OF KHMER REPRESENTATION, I SHARE WITH MY THAI AND JAPANESE COLLEAGUES THE VIEW THAT THE SWEDES, NOT WISHING TO BE OUT IN FRONT, ARE ASSUMING A LOW PROFILE ON THIS QUESTION AND THAT THEIR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE OTHER NORDICS TO VOTE AS THEY DO ARE MINIMAL. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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